

In the Claims

The status of claims in the case is as follows:

1. [Currently amended] A method for creating a user profile for a user authorized by a customer company to access services provided by an enterprise, comprising the steps of:

preparing for each new said user a profile entry including a user identifier and a company group identifier;

responsive to access by said authorized user, obtaining a profile entry for said authorized user;

responsive to said profile entry not including company code and location indicia, displaying to said user descriptions of locations for said company group, each company group of a plurality of distinct company groups including one or more related companies which use the same accounting codes and procedures, with accounting codes and procedures that vary between company groups; and

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responsive to user selection of a said location description, populating to said profile entry the corresponding company code and location code.

2. [Currently amended] A method for creating a user profile for a user authorized by a customer company to access services provided by an enterprise, comprising the steps of

on a periodic basis, receiving from each said customer company within a company group a file containing a list of all employees authorized by a company to use said services;

merging said files into a company group file of authorized users;

with reference to said company group file, building a user profile entry for each new said authorized user, said user profile entry including company group indicia but not including accounting code indicia not provided by said customer company;

responsive to a request from a requester to access said services, reading said user profile entry for said requester;

responsive to said profile entry not including said accounting code indicia for said requester, displaying to said requester descriptions of code indicia for said company group, each company group of a plurality of distinct company groups including one or more related companies which use the same accounting codes and procedures, with accounting codes and procedures that vary between company groups; and

responsive to user selection of a code indicia description, populating to said profile entry corresponding accounting code indicia.

3. [Original] The method of claim 2, said accounting code indicia including company code and location code indicia.

4. [Original] The method of claim 2, further comprising the steps of:

merging said files into a merged file in a hub server within a customer system;

transmitting said merged file to a staging table within an enterprise system server.

5. [Original] The method of claim 4, further comprising the steps of:

building a plant code table including for each company code and location code combination associated with a company group a requester intelligible location description; and

displaying said requester intelligible location descriptions associated with said company group in a selection list to said requester when said accounting indicia is not included in said user profile for said requester.

6. [Original] The method of claim 5, said transmitting step occurring through a firewall, and said displaying step

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occurring through a secure network.

7. [Original] The method of claim 6, said secure network being a frame relay network.

8. [Currently amended] System for creating a user profile for a user authorized by a customer company to access services provided by an enterprise, comprising:

a profile table including for each authorized user a profile entry including a user identifier and a company group identifier, each company group of a plurality of distinct company groups including one or more related companies which use the same accounting codes and procedures, with accounting codes and procedures that vary between company groups;

application code responsive to a request by a new authorized user for access to said services for displaying a selection list of descriptions of accounting indicia necessary to process said request;

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said application code being further responsive to user selection of a description of accounting indicia for populating to said profile entry said accounting indicia.

9. [Original] The system of claim 8, said application code identifying a new user as an authorized user from which said profile entry does not include said accounting indicia.

10. [Original] The system of claim 8, said accounting indicia including company code and location code.

11. [Original] The system of claim 10, further comprising a plant code table including for each combination of company code and location code associated with a company group a corresponding said description of accounting indicia.

12. [Original] The system of claim 11, said description of said accounting indicia being text comprehensible to said

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user.

13. [Currently amended] A program storage device readable by a machine, tangibly embodying a program of instructions executable by a machine to perform method steps for creating a user profile for a user authorized by a customer company to access services provided by an enterprise, said method steps comprising:

preparing for each new said user a profile entry including a user identifier and a company group identifier;

responsive to access by said authorized user, obtaining a profile entry for said authorized user;

responsive to said profile entry not including company code and location indicia, displaying to said user descriptions of locations for said company group, each company group of a plurality of distinct company groups including one or more related companies which use the same accounting codes and procedures, with accounting codes and procedures that vary between company groups; and

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responsive to user selection of a said location description, populating to said profile entry the corresponding company code and location code.

14. [Currently amended] A program storage device readable by a machine, tangibly embodying a program of instructions executable by a machine to perform method steps for creating a user profile for a user authorized by a customer company to access services provided by an enterprise, said method steps comprising:

on a periodic basis, receiving from each said customer company within a company group a file containing a list of all employees authorized by a company to use said services;

merging said files into a company group file of authorized users;

with reference to said company group file, building a user profile entry for each new said authorized user, said user profile entry including company group indicia but not including accounting code indicia not provided

by said customer company;

responsive to a request from a requester to access said services, reading said user profile entry for said requester;

responsive to said profile entry not including said accounting code indicia for said requester, displaying to said requester descriptions of code indicia for said company group, each company group of a plurality of distinct company groups including one or more related companies which use the same accounting codes and procedures. with accounting codes and procedures that vary between company groups; and

responsive to user selection of a code indicia description, populating to said profile entry corresponding accounting code indicia.

15. [Currently amended] A computer program product or computer program element for creating a user profile for a user authorized by a customer company to access services provided by an enterprise according to method steps

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comprising:

preparing for each new said user a profile entry including a user identifier and a company group identifier;

responsive to access by said authorized user, obtaining a profile entry for said authorized user;

responsive to said profile entry not including company code and location indicia, displaying to said user descriptions of locations for said company group, each company group of a plurality of distinct company groups including one or more related companies which use the same accounting codes and procedures, with accounting codes and procedures that vary between company groups; and

responsive to user selection of a said location description, populating to said profile entry the corresponding company code and location code.

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